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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 2 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-03-13

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 2 extends commercial fishing with set gillnets in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013.

Drift gillnetting will be open in the Kasilof Section (not the Expanded Kasilof Section) of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013.

The estimated cumulative passage of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River through Wednesday, June 26, was approximately 101,000 fish. Passage estimates through 11:00 a.m. today (approximately 8,000 fish) would suggest another above average day of escapement in the Kasilof River. In addition, reports from set gillnet fishermen in all areas of the Kasilof Section through 12:00 noon today reveal above average catches of sockeye salmon.

Therefore, the extension of today's fishing period in the Kasilof Section is warranted given the continued strong escapement of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River and above average catch rates in the entire Kasilof Section.